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REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Sir:

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

Basic Fee							\$ 770.00
Total Claims	12	-	20	=	0	x 18 =	0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x 86 =	0.00
Total Filing Fee							\$ 770.00



3. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, nine(9) sheets, Figs. 1-12.

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd..

8. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 2002-147237, filed May 22, 2002.

The certified priority document has been filed in the prior application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/372,329, as originally filed on February 25, 2003.

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